



2024 Solar Eclipse – Earn the Patch !

1. Locate a site suitable for viewing the eclipse. [NASA's official site](#), which lists all the major cities over which the eclipse will cross, with the exact times that Scouts and families need to be ready. 8 April 2024

2. Describe how to safely view the eclipse. It is not safe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. This includes looking at it through binoculars, a telescope or your phone's camera. Solar viewing glasses are thousands of times darker than regular sunglasses. Look for solar viewing glasses that comply with the [ISO 12312-2 international standard](#). You can also safely view an eclipse using an indirect viewing method, such as [Scout Life's shoebox viewer](#).

3. Discuss with your group what you saw and felt during the eclipse. A total solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and Earth. Depending on how close you are to the path of totality, you may see the sky darken considerably. Depending on the weather, you could see stars, as if it were nighttime. In some instances, night creatures might even come out. Up to 84% coverage in Western NC.

4. Do the following:

- Cub Scouts: Discuss what a solar eclipse is with your leaders.
- Scouts BSA members: Draw a diagram of the positions of the moon, Earth and sun to show how the solar eclipse occurs.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts: Research Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington's 1919 experiment and discuss how it confirmed Einstein's theory of general relativity.

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2024/01/24/how-to-earn-the-bsa-total-solar-eclipse-2024-emblem/>





NASA how to track eclipse



The 2024 Total Solar Eclipse through the eyes of NASA

Lunar topography data from NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's SELENE lunar orbiter were used to precisely calculate the location of the Moon's shadow for the 2024 total solar eclipse. The planetary positions are from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Development Ephemeris 421. Earth imagery from NASA's Blue Marble, Next Generation series were used to create the terrain and Earth at night imagery from NASA's Black Marble were used under the eclipse path.

2024 Total Solar Eclipse
Monday, April 8, 2024

Credit: Michala Gammon and the Scientific Visualization Studio (SVS), in collaboration with the NASA Heliophysics Activation Team (NASA HEAT), part of NASA's Science Activation portfolio

Eclipse calculations by Ernie Wright, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

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2024 Path of Totality April 8, 2024

Along a path about 115 miles wide, the Moon will completely block the Sun in the sky. Totality lasts up to about 4 minutes and 28 seconds depending on the viewer's location within this path.

Outside of this path, viewers within the 48 contiguous U.S. states and many other areas will see a partial solar eclipse (in the shaded areas below).



Find More: solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipse/2024



Wood Badge Course 15-421-22 is complete

TROOP 1 OF GILWELL

WOOD BADGE

15-421-22

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Sandhills Unit Fund Development - next 90 days +



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Units who have committed to sell this year.

CREWS

- 711
- 907

PACKS

- 1
- 582
- 711
- 716
- 746
- 747
- 756
- 757
- 776
- 787
- 902
- 942
- 953

TROOPS

- 1
- 40
- 82
- 94 B
- 94 G
- 98
- 300
- 701
- 711

TROOPS

- 716 B
- 740 B
- 740 G
- 746 B
- 746G
- 747
- 771
- 776
- 953

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Occoneechee Council Registration Changes

Occoneechee Council Executive Board voted to increase our Council Fee by \$14 for youth and adult registered members to help underwrite the increasing cost associated with program and service delivery.

Therefore, effective August 1, 2024, youth fees will increase from \$66 to \$80 and adults from \$12 to \$26.

The fee structure is:

- \$165 per Youth Member
 - \$85 National BSA Fee goes to the National Council
 - \$80 stays local in the Occoneechee Council
- \$91 per registered Adult Member
 - \$65 National BSA Fee goes to the National Council
 - \$26 stays local



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Sandhills Unit Fund Development – Questions or Ideas

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Training Awareness

60 Day Unit Challenge 100% YPT





Sandhills District Training

Free Training [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)

Local In-Person Training Dates [Ocscouts.org/training](https://ocscouts.org/training)

Service Apply past course to your records,
Submit Adult Training Award forms

District Training Chair: sandhills-training@ocscouts.org



**Every Leader
Trained**

**Every Leader A
Trainer**



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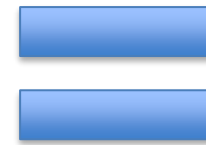
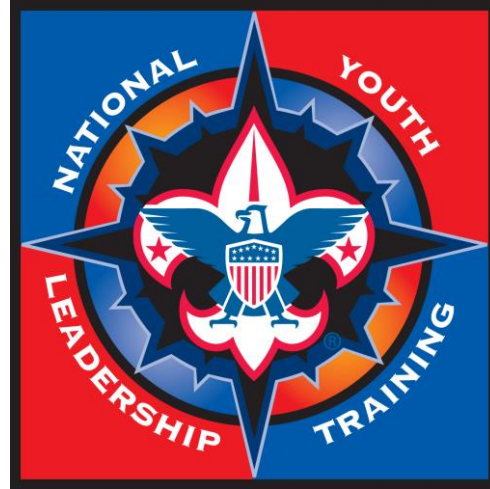
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The power of Great Training!

NYLT for youth leaders complements Wood Badge training for adult leaders.
If you want to see your unit thrive, get the best available training for both youth and adults!



GREAT UNITS!

WOOD BADGE

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://ocscouts.org/training/nylt/> or <https://ocscouts.org/training/wood-badge/>

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Nov. 2024 Arrow Adventure

Who:

- AOL patrols and their parents
- Scouts BSA patrols to serve as station guides

What:

- a weekend campout to learn about troops in our district and as an intro into troop life (for parents too)

When/Where:

- Nov. 2024, TBD

Mark your calendars! Specific details will be coming soon!
Questions - please contact Nikki Toulouse at elizabeth.toulouse@gmail.com or Zach Yoklic at zyoklic@gmail.com.





Advancement

Year to Date:

- **11** Eagle Boards of Review completed
- **26** Arrow of Light
- **No Summit Awards or Quartermaster Awards yet**



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Merit Badge Counselor Renewal

- In anticipation of BSA changes affecting Merit Badge Counselor registration, our Council's April re-registration of **CURRENTLY** registered counselors will not be done, but their registrations will be extended to a date to be determined.
- New counselor registration procedures remain as is. This change will be posted on the Council's web site as soon as possible. Further, BSA's changes will eventually cause our Council's Master Merit Badge Counselor List program to be replaced.



Day Camp is out of this world!



**Cub Scout
Space Academy
June 17-21, 2024**

**Brave Cub Cadets are asked to
report to
Spout Springs Church
(346 H M Cagle Dr, Cameron)
for their next mission!**



Mission Control Needs You!

We need a Launch Pad Engineer!

- Can't have Space Camp without rockets!
 - Water, Alka-Seltzer, Chemical Rockets, and more!
- Help teach physics to young minds

We need a Ballistics Expert!

- Teach ballistics, potential energy conversion, and confidence!
- Rangemaster course offered to interested applicants

We need Supplies!

- Soda Bottles (20 oz, 2 L)
- TV, Refrigerator boxes (Large cardboard boxes!)
- Dish Soap dispenser lids
- Baby food containers
- Paper towel/toilet paper roll tubes

If interested or you know of a good candidate, please contact Nikki Toulouse at elizabeth.toulouse@gmail.com or Zach Yoklic at zyoklic@gmail.com.

Volunteers Make the Mission Happen!





Membership - Invitation/Application Manager

4:16 PM Tue Mar 5 my.Scouting | Membership Manager Welcome, Clarissa Hammond

Pack 0747 St James Lutheran Church

Last updated at: 03/05/2024 04:16:15 PM

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Total Applications Last 90 days	Application in Progress Last 90 days	Total Closed Applications Last 90 days	Total Completed Applications Last 90 days

Membership Manager

- Application
- Invitation
- Reports

Pending Summary

0 Pending Acceptance	VIEW
0 Pending Acknowledgement	VIEW
0 Pending Applicant Agreement	VIEW
0 Pending Applicant Response	VIEW
0 Pending Reassignment	VIEW
0 Pending Review	VIEW

Alerts

Completed

- 0 - 14 Days since submitted
- 15 - 25 Days since submitted
- 26 - 60 Days since submitted
- 61 - 90+ Days since submitted

1 Completed

4:16 PM Tue Mar 5 my.Scouting | Membership Manager Welcome, Clarissa Hammond

Pack 0747 St James Lutheran Church

Last updated at: 03/05/2024 04:16:32 PM

0	0	+ New Lead
New Leads Last 30 days	Opened Leads Last 30 days	

Membership Manager

- Application
- Invitation
- Reports

Status Summary

0 New	VIEW
0 Opened	VIEW
0 Pending Reassignment	VIEW
0 Invitation Sent	VIEW
1 Closed	VIEW
0 Completed	VIEW

Active Leads by Source

- Requests submitted through BeAScout
- Manually entered: Joining Night
- Manually entered: Individual Referral
- Manually entered: Other Source

Invitation QR - Pack 0747

Invitation Link - Pack 0747

Key 3 has access
You'll receive an email from the website within 1-2 days
Contact the Lead directly
Have a welcome packet ready to go

How do we get leads?

- **Be Visible! Participate in Community Events. An active unit is the best marketing tool.**
- **Peer to Peer - Utilize Buddy Cards. Having active and engaging activities make kids talk!**
- **BeAScout.org - Parents are looking for info! Give it to them! Up to date, engaging website. Direct contact information. Meeting location/date/time information.**
- **Stay active on social media. - NEW Recruiting Campaign Kit available on Scouting.Org including girl-focused materials**



Membership

Clarissa Hammond

clarissabhammond@gmail.com

(252) 315-8524

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Activities & Civic Service – April 2024

Spring Litter Sweep

- **Now – April 26**
- **Keep Harnett Beautiful is asking Boy Scout units, (exceptions: Packs) to participate in their annual county-wide road-side clean-up campaign.**
- **Supplies will be provided.**
- **For more information or to sign-up, please contact Morgan Pope at: (910) 893-7584 or mpope@harnett.org.**

Bicycle Rodeo

- **April 13th from 8 AM – Noon**
- **Sandhills District Troops, Crews and Ship are asked to participate in The Healthy Child & Adolescent Network’s Bicycle Rodeo. Scouts are needed to help set up tents, tables and cones, plus additional duties beginning at 8 AM. This event will run from 9 AM – Noon. Two-deep leadership is required.**
- **For more information, please call Bernadette R. Bogertey at (910) 745-8008 or send an email to BikeGiveAwayCoordinator@gmail.com.**
- **The Healthy Child & Adolescent Network Warehouse, 786 Blue Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301**





Activities & Civic Service – April 2024

North Carolina Litter Sweep

- April 13 - 27
- Sandhills District units, (exception: Scouts who are 11 years old and younger) are invited to take part in local efforts to help clean up North Carolina's roadways. Volunteers are provided cleanup supplies, such as reversible orange/blue trash bags, gloves and orange safety vests; from their local NCDOT County Maintenance Yard office.
- For safety procedures, rules and guidelines, please visit: <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/Documents/volunteer-cleanup-procedures.pdf> and <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/Documents/safety-rules-guidelines.pdf>.
- To contact Litter Management Coordinators, please visit: <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/adoptahighway/Pages/coordinators.aspx>.

Cumberland Clean Litter Pick-Up

- April 20 from 8 AM until noon.
- Scout units are invited to help keep Cumberland County clean by participating in the Cumberland Clean Litter Pick-Up event. Units have the choice to pick their cleanup location anywhere within county limits. Each volunteer will receive an event T-shirt, water, gloves, a reusable tote, trash bags, water and hand sanitizer. Prior to the event, participants can arrange to retrieve their items and report directly to their cleanup location on the morning of the event. Two - deep leadership is required.
- To register go to <https://ow.ly/ka6450QRqbR> or call (910) 321-6907. For more information, email Tim Middleton at tmiddleton@cumberlandcountync.gov.
- Ann Street Landfill at 698 Ann Street, Fayetteville, NC 28303

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Activities & Civic Service – April 2024

Hope Mills Spring Litter Sweep

- April 20 from 9 AM – 1 PM
- Scout units are asked to participate in the Hope Mills Litter Sweep. Units will meet at the Recreation Center to receive cleaning supplies. All supplies must be returned by 1 PM. Two - deep leadership is required.
- For more information, please call: (910) 426-4109. To register for this event, please go to: <https://secure.rec1.com/NC/hope-mills-nc/catalog> and set up an account.
- Hope Mills Parks & Recreation, 5766 Rockfish Road, Hope Mills, NC 28348.

Book Sale

- April 25 - 27.
- The Friends of the Lee County Libraries Group is hosting a Book Sale and is requesting that units assist in the following areas: setting up tables and laying out books to begin the program, carrying bags for people or helping them load into cars after purchase, packing up boxes and putting away tables on Saturday afternoon. Two-deep leadership is necessary.
- For more information, please send an email to leecountylibrarync@gmail.com.
- Main library branch at 107 Hawkins Ave. Sanford, NC 27330.





Activities & Civic Service – April 2024

Sanford Block Party

- April 27 from 9 AM – 3 PM
- Units are asked to help clean up and beautify portions of Boykin Avenue, S. Vance Street, Swann Street and Oakdale Streets. Work assignments will include light carpentry, painting, mowing and raking. Participating units are asked to bring their own tools if they can, including rakes, shovels, painting tools, lawn mowers, weed eaters and gloves.
- To volunteer, contact Bill Huggins at sanhug@gmail.com or Karen Kennedy at (919) 718-4657 ext. 5391 or karen.kennedy@sanfordnc.net. Registration (and breakfast beginning at 8 or 8:30 AM) will take place onsite. Two - deep leadership is required.
- New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, 1142 Boykin Avenue, Sanford, NC 27330.





Chair Position

- **Issues**
- **Help Needed**

- **Contact Information**

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Safe Scouting – April 2024

Hazard Trees

According to the U.S. Forest Service, America’s forests are in decline with broken or hanging limbs, root rot, insect infestations, lightning, wind events and abundant moisture leading to the creation of abnormally high numbers of “hazard trees.” Hazard trees include dead trees, live trees with dead parts, and live trees that are unstable due to defects and are within striking distance of people or property, which may affect unit camping or other outdoor activities.

A study published in 2008 found that 407 people were killed by "wind-related tree failures" in the U.S. between 1995 and 2007. In 2020, there were just over 16,000 reports of thunderstorm high winds or thunderstorm wind damage in the U.S., according to NOAA's Storm Prediction Center, in general, winds over 60 mph, which are common in severe thunderstorms, tropical storms, hurricanes and nor'easters, are capable of downing trees.

Here are some tips to prevent a hazard tree from affecting your event:

- Assess your site. Look up, look down, and look all around when parking a vehicle, hiking on the trail, or selecting a campsite.
- Avoid campsites with hazard trees. Dead trees and dead limbs may fall at any time. Trees without needles, bark, or limbs may indicate structural defects.



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Camp Durant-OSR

Camp Durant – Summer Camp 2024

1032 Scouts currently registered. But there is room for more.

Camp Durant has some of the best **facilities** that a camp can offer, and this year they're adding an older Scout Program this year called NLS (Next Level Stuff). Contact Henry or Kenna for a Zoom invite to the 11 March reveal.

- 15 campsites, each divided into two sides (A and B).
- Both sides feature a permanent shelter with electricity and lighting.
- Each campsite also has a shower house, complete with three hot/cold showers, three flushing toilets, and additional power outlets.

\$450 – Camper fee

\$200 – Leader fee (3-7 days)

\$50 – Rotating Leader fee (daily for 1 – 2 days)

For more info, contact:

Henry Goodson | Camping Director: henry.goodson@scouting.org Kenna

McIntire | Program Director: kenna.mcintire@scouting.org

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District Resources

www.Sandhills.OCScouts.org





District Resources – New E-mail List!

sandhills.ocscouts.org/email/



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2nd Annual Reach for the Stars! Be a Star!

STEM & Resource Fair for K-12 Students with disabilities – Friends & Family Welcome too!

Saturday, April 6th | 10am-2pm

McKimmon Center, NC State University

1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC

Over 50+ booths with STEM content, Careers, Educational Pathways, ALL with hands-on STEM activities and support resources! All Scouts are welcome!



There is transportation funding available if you have neurodiverse or special needs Scouts who would like to attend. If you arrange for the transportation, NCSU will reimburse you or pay the vendor directly.

You must contact Joann Blumenfeld at jrblumen@ncsu.edu or 919-633-3120 by 3/15 if interested in funds.

Questions? Contact Debraghall@yahoo.com or Laura.Williford@scouting.org

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Key-3 Notes



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District Executive



Cumberland and Harnett Counties:

- **Bill Walters** - bill.walters@scouting.org - 910.818.9398

Moore and Lee Counties:

- **Kenna McIntire** - kenna.mcintire@scouting.org - 919.665.9619
- **Henry Goodson** - henry.goodson@scouting.org - 910.818.9244

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1. Cumberland United Way-This years Days of Caring will be held on May 9th and May 10th. Last year our unit leaders assisted in the annual food collection then boxed the food up at local post offices. Please let me know if your unit can assist one or both days. I will post the post offices collecting food and their times.
2. The Harnett County Distinguished Citizen will be Jerry Milton. He is the President/CEO of Southeastern Interiors(residential and commercial construction company). The event will take place late September or early October.
3. Cumberland County Distinguished Citizen Dinner will take place May 30th at Cape Fear Botanical Gardens. Mike Nagowski (President/ CEO Cape Fear Valley Health System) is our recipient this year. If you would like to attend the cost is \$150.00 per individual.
4. Individual Membership Plans(handout). Due to Clarissa on April 12th.

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- **The 2024 Investment in Character Sustaining Donors Campaign is underway.** So far we have 3 units signed up for a brief presentation at your units Blue/Gold or COH. There are various levels of giving with 3 different patches this year. Please see Angie to schedule your presentation.
- **Cumberland United Way is looking for success stories for 2023.** If your unit has a success story how UW benefited their unit or families please let Bill Walters know as soon as possible. Also, I'm looking for 3 sharp Scouts to use in the 2024 request for funding presentation. If you have a well-spoken scout who would like to talk about "what scouting means to me" please contact Bill Walters at 910-818-9398



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District Chairman Comments

Conduct at least one event at which your Scouts get the chance to interact with members of your community – Passive Recruiting or Recruiting by Doing!

Please use the Sandhills Website for your information.

Sandhills.ocscouts.org





District Commissioner

Sandhills had 60 Units After Recharter

Need Volunteers in the District

If you have an interest, please contact me.

Many hands make small work!!

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